

Motivations For Pilgrim Living (1 Peter 1:13-25)

Proposition: Every one of us should live out the gift of Salvation because of the four motivating factors laid out before us in this text.

I. The Coming of the Saviour (Vs. 13)

- A. Be Sharp in Thought (Vs. 13a)
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- A. Redemption's Refusal (Vs. 18)
- B. Redemption's Ransom (Vs. 19)
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In Jamestown Virginia there is a place where it seems as though you can go back in time as see how the colonial settlers lived in the new world. Every fascicle of the town is shaped in such a way as to imitate the way of life for the earlier settlers. From their stores, to their artises, from their speech to even their clothes and speech they reflect a different time and place. They live by a very different rule of law. They are completely separate from the surrounding world. The life of a christian Pilgrim is not much unlike a Jamestown Pilgrim. Pilgrim life has its rules, and reasons for living differently from the world around them. Christians walk differently the

I. The Coming of the Saviour - One of the greatest motivating factors for living a holy Pilgrim life is that Jesus is coming again.

A. Be Sharp in Thought - "Gird up the loins of your mind" In Peter's day every one of them wore long flowing garments. When a man went to work or battle he would pull the hem on such a time. Nothing loose. Same way

B. Be Sober in Mind - We think of sober as one who is not under alcohol. But sober = "to be calm, steady, in control." When it comes to prophesy many wheel out of control and become frantic. We are to have calm assurance ^{He is coming}

C. Be Set in Hope - Hope to the end = set your hope fully on! The coming of the Lord Jesus is not here say or speculation, but a fact for the future! He said I will come again. ⁽²⁾ The second coming of

D. Be Sure in Grace - We have received the grace of God when we were saved, we are receiving the grace of God in daily life. One day that grace will be fulfilled when Jesus returns and we realize ⁽³⁾ the end of our faith.

II. The Call of Separation - In Jones-town Virginia, people live a completely separate way of life. So should we. ^{Separation - holiness}

A. Separate from Previous Lusts - People are called out from the world to be Pilgrims. And there is no going back "fashion yourselves" same word in Rom 12:2 Be not conformed to world. The old mold of the children of disobedience does not fit us any more. ⁽⁴⁾ 1 Cor 6:9-11 reminds us

B. Separate to a Praising Lord - Note Halleluiah children. Here God is pictured as the father of these children. Vs 15 calling them to this life of separation and holiness

1) ...differently, talk differently, live differently that the world around them. But why? Why are we to take a pilgrim path that is so often a lonely path. 1 Peter 1:13-25 gives us insight into these reasons. You see, every one of us should live out the gift of Salvation which makes us pilgrims, because of the four motivating factors laid out before us in this text.

2) ...coming of Christ is referred to in both the old and new testament time and time again! The promise of God is that Jesus will return!

3) ..the salvation of our souls! Titus 2:11-13 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

4) ...reminds us of the great distinction between the former life of the darkness of sin and the present life of holiness: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

1) "...We do not study the Bible to know the Bible. We study the Bible to know God better." That we may conform our lives to the pleasure of our heavenly Father! Also Vs. 17 we are to be holy because we are to be judged one day, not for our sins but for our service at the Judgment seat of Christ. If you call God Father (the one that impartially judges every mans works) then you should conduct you life upon this world in the fear of the Lord.

2) ...save ourselves.

3) ...ransom for sin, to save fallen humanity, to triumph over Satan and ultimately the glorification of almighty God! This is the salvation that is revealed to you. It's the gospel that I preached in the invitation this morning.

The Pilgrim life is not only separate from but separate to. We are to cleave to him and imitate his character in every part of life. ^{are there some things off limits}

C. Separate by a Pronounced Law - It is written! This is a statement that carries great authority! Peter references the Law in Leviticus. We are under the moral constraints of the Law. It is in the moral law that we see the holiness and righteous walk that we endeavor to walk. We do not study ①

III. The Cost of Salvation - Another motivating factor is the cost of our salvation. A cost paid in full by the precious blood of Christ in his death on cross.

A. Redemption's Refusal - Peter starts out by telling us what we are not redeemed by. Gold and silver, doing better, fleshly efforts are simply cheap tokens of insubstantiality. We can not save ②

B. Redemption's Ransom - But what is sufficient is the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world, Jesus that perfect substitute was the acceptable, sufficient offering for the sin of the world.

C. Redemption's Representative - Peter takes us back before the cross, or the cradle, back before the universe was formed, there it was ordained that Jesus would suffer and give his life a ransom for us ③

D. Redemptive Resurrection - This redemptive ransom, is not residing in the dusty clutches on an ancient Sepulcher but is alive and seated at the right hand of the father. This is our faith and our hope!

IV. The Constraint of Scripture - Here again Peter references the word of God! ⁽¹⁾ Your Bible is absolutely critical to

A. A Purifying Scripture - The word of God has a cleansing and purifying affect on the believer that reads it.

Listen it was not until I got dead serious about reading and studying the Bible that I

began to grow and ⁽²⁾ make head way in the battle

B. A Productive Scripture - If any saving is going to be done in the life of a sinner, it will be by what God did in giving his Son, what Jesus did on the cross, and what the Spirit does in heart. Yet w/o the word of God, the incorruptible seed, the truth of God

C. A Persevering Scripture - Incon-
-futable, due God a Bible from my mom that was signed by Dr Hyles. But it was shredded to bits by a cat. That Bible has been corrupted. But the word of God, the revelation of his truth will never be destroyed. It is as Ps 119:89

V. Close - These are motivations enough for all of us who have been called into the Kingdom of God to live holy blameless lives.

- 1) ...critical to, and indispensable from your pilgrim path!
- 2) ...with my flesh and feelings. The reason many of us can't stand one another is because we are not reading the word of God and letting it purify our hearts toward each other!
- 3) ...God would have never reached your heart!
- 4) Psalms 119:89 For ever ... settled in heaven. Time seems to crumble and corrupt every thing in it's path but here Peter quotes Isaiah 40:8 Isaiah 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. The word of God will stand sure while the earth is consumed with fervent heat. If you are lost, it will meet you in the day of the great white throne judgment. If you are saved it will stand as a testimony of God's faithfulness through out all eternity! Vs. 25b This word that will never pass away, was the word that God saw fit to bring to you under the message of the Gospel. We started with it, we are to finish with it as well.

